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# H.R. 6045 – Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2008

# FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 6045 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Peter Visclosky (D-IN) on May 13, 2008. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, but was never considered.

H.R. 6045 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 25, 2008.

#### SUMMARY

H.R. 6045 extends a grant program for armor vests for law enforcement officers through fiscal year 2012. Current law authorizes \$25 million annually for the program.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) grant program was created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998. The program is administered by the Department of Justice and provides resources to state and local law enforcement. Over 11,900 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program since 1999, with \$173 million in federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 450,000 vests.

The program is set to expire under current law in fiscal year 2009.

Department of Justice - Bulletproof Vest Partnership

### COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has not produced a cost estimate for H.R. 6045 as of September 25, 2008.

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